Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to delicense the beer industry and the reasons thereof;

(b) the number of factories that are producing beer in the country and what is their total production of beer per day;

(c) what is the total consumption of beer per day in the country; the details thereof;

(d) what was the total consumption of beer during the last three years; year-wise figures; and

(e) the number of new applications received during the last three years and how many have been approved, year-wise figures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present 30 factories are producing beer in the country. The average production of beer per day in these factories is 617046.6 litres (1992-93).

(c) and (d) This information is not centrally maintained.

(e) The information is given below :

No. of applications received for beer

1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
209	93	4

No. of letters of intent granted for the last three years

1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
NIL	6	80

Finance to Sick Fishing Vessels

3912. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1742 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th May, 1993 and state :

(a) the number of instances of finance made available to repair sick fishing vessels;

(b) the number of applications made for such assistance from Andhra Pradesh in 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(c) which is the organisation which receives and screens such applications from sick fishing units for repair;

(d) what conditions are imposed to grant such assistance;

(e) the details thereof; and

(f) whether these conditions would be relaxed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) The number of instances of Finance made available by SCICI to repair sick fishing vessels is 2.

(b) The number of applications made for such assistance to SCICI from Andhra Pradesh in 1991-92 and 1992-93 are :—

1991-92 — 7

1992-93 — Nil

(c) Applications for minor repairs are usually made to Commercial Banks as these are covered under working capital financing by them. Applications for financial assistance for the said purpose could also be made to any other financial institution.

(d) to (f) The financing institutions/ commercial banks might impose such conditions as they may deem fit to ensure that the loans advanced by them are secure and are being put to proper use, there is reasonable repayment and that the borrowers have a good track record.

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना हेतु सहायता प्रदान करने का निर्णय

3913. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**

डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान देश में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना हेतु 2500 लाख रुपए की सहायता प्रदान करने का निर्णय किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसमें वर्ष-वार कितनी राशि इस उद्योग को जारी की जाएगी;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उद्योग की स्थापना क्षमता का कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो आठवीं योजना के अंत तक देश के कितने प्रतिशत उत्पादन का उपयोग कर पाने की औद्योगिक प्रसंस्करण क्षमता स्थापित होने का अनुमान है ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) और (ख) खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों के

संपूर्ण विकास के लिए आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान कार्यान्वयन हेतु खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय ने अनेक योजना स्कीमें तैयार की है जिनका कुल योजना परिव्यय 146 करोड़ रुपये है । आठवीं योजना के पहले वर्ष अर्थात् 1992-93 में इन योजना स्कीमों के अन्तर्गत 32.89 करोड़ रुपये की धनराशि खर्च की गयी है ।

(ग) और (घ) यद्यपि क्षमता संस्थापन के लिए कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किए गये हैं फिर भी यह अनुमान है कि आठवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान फल एवं सब्जी प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की क्षमता 9.50 लाख टन से बढ़कर 20 लाख टन हो जायेगी ।

Bifurcation of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries

3914. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to bifurcate the Ministry of Food Processing Industries;

(b) If not, what steps are proposed to give sufficient attention to solving the problems of the Indian Fishing Industry; and

(c) whether quick and remedial measures are proposed to enhance the viability of the marine fishing industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following assistance/ incentives are being provided to the deep sea fishing sector:—

1. Provision of 33% subsidy on the cost of Indigenously constructed deep sea fishing vessels.
2. Provision of loan facility on soft terms by SCICI Ltd.
3. Assistance for construction of fishing harbours at major and minor ports.
4. Training of deep sea fishing operatives for manning the fishing vessels; and
5. Assistance for diversified fishing
6. Price reimbursement on HSD consumed by Export Oriented Deep Sea Fishing Vessels.
7. Equity participation by Marine Products Export Development Authority in deep sea fishing projects.
8. Rehabilitation assistance to sick deep sea fishing units.
9. Assistance under the Plan schemes of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

The Government has also constituted a Technical Committee to look into the problems of the sick deep sea fishing industry in India.

Proposal for Modernising Food Processing Industry in the Country

3915. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise food processing industry in the country to make it high technology sector;

(b) If so, the details of the steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether the export target of processed foods would be achieved; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) In order to modernise food processing industries in the country, Government has liberalised the Industrial Policy in July, 1991 to allow food processing industries which have been placed in the high priority list, automatic permission for foreign technology agreement upto a lump-sum payment of Rs. 1 crore and royalty within 5% of the domestic sales or 8% of export sales subject to the ceiling on total payments at 8% on sales over 10 years period from the date of agreement of 7 years agreement from the date of commencement of production. Besides, the Government have reduced Customs Duty on specified food processing machinery from 40% to 25% in the Union Budget for 1993-94. In order to encourage these industries to adopt modern technologies and equipment, this Ministry has also formulated several developmental Plan schemes which seek to encourage research and development for developing low cost techniques, modernise these industries and to adopt new technologies such as pre-cooling and cold chain system, individual quick freezing of marine and processed fruits and vegetable products, on-board processing of other fish, production of fish products like surimi and fillet fish etc. The Plan schemes for modernisation of single hullers for rice milling as well as the scheme on rice milling machinery and allied equipment testing